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*In re* Application of  
CRABTREE ET AL.  
Application No.: 09/593,360  
Filed: June 14, 2000

: **DECISION ON**  
: **PETITION TO**  
: **WITHDRAW FINALITY OF**  
: **THE OFFICE ACTION**  
**MAILED AUGUST 2, 2002**

This is a decision on the petition filed September 30, 2002, requesting withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action mailed August 2, 2002. The noted request can be found in the opening remarks of the August 2, 2002 amendment after final.

A review of the file indicates that a Final Rejection was mailed on August 2, 2002. A Notice of Appeal was filed on November 15, 2002, along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and an accompanying amendment. Receipt is also acknowledged of an Information Disclosure Statement filed November 15, 2002.

It is noted that once processed, the Request for Continued Examination will place the application in Amended Status and not under final rejection. As the application will not longer be in Final Rejection Status, the petition is considered moot.

**Summary:** Request to Withdraw the Finality of the August 2, 2002 Office Action is Dismissed as being moot. This application is being forwarded to Art Unit 3752 for processing the referenced Request for Continued Examination.

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